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**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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Application Number 09/265,191

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Examiner Name K. Hauda

Title *Immune Stimulatory Compositions and Methods for Use of
Same to Enhance the Immune Response of a Host to an Antigen*

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims:

I. AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

- (1) On page 43, line 13, please delete the phrase "described in Example I" and substitute therefor -- shown/schematically in Figure 1 --; and
- (2) on page 45, line 15, please delete the words "36 weeks" and substitute therefor -- 3-6 weeks --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all pending claims without prejudice to renewal. Please enter new claims 124-215.

110 ~~124~~ ⁸⁵ (New) A method of reducing antigen-stimulated IgE production in a mammal,

comprising:

administering an immunostimulatory polynucleotide (ISS-PN) to a mammal sensitized to an antigen, wherein the ISS-PN comprises the sequence 5'-cytosine-guanine-3', said administering being in an amount sufficient to reduce IgE production stimulated by the antigen in the mammal.

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